

gast yet for that double cross,  
mark my word."

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These preachers are after the boxing game, but forget to keep tab on the football deaths. Five have resulted from the game this fall. Many more have been crippled, but not a word is heard. Last week two men were killed and on Saturday 19 were injured. For

clean sport, boxing has football, auto racing and aviation beaten a mile.

Now Judge Blair of the Missouri circuit court has declared four round bouts with large gloves are legal, it is expected St. Louis will enjoy boxing contests as of old. New Orleans, New York and Boston judges have ruled the same way.

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### BE FRANK WITH YOUR CHILDREN

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\* And Thus Perhaps Save Them From Sin and Haunting Fear \*  
\* and Lifelong Misery. \*  
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By Le Baron Russell Briggs.

The earliest important cause of reticence between parent and child, the longest continued, the fiercest, and the most morbidly silent temptation, the temptation most likely to scorch and blight a whole life and the lives of those who come after, a temptation most likely to lead through passion to reckless selfishness, and through shame to reckless lying, is the manifold temptation in the mysterious relation of sex to sex.

No subject needs, for the health of our sons and for the protection of our daughters, to be brought earlier out of the region of alluring the forbidden exploration into the light of wholesome truth—out of the category of the unspeakable into the category of things which, though talked seldom, may be talked of freely between father or mother and son.

Temptation, passion, will exist always; but temptation and pas-

sion which must be nursed or suppressed in secret are far more insidious, far less conquerable. Moreover, temptation and passion, when confided to a father or a mother by a son who is struggling to do right, lose half their danger; the strength of those nearest and dearest buoys up our own; and the fear of confessing a sin—a false fear when once the sin is committed—may be wholesome as a safeguard.

No parent can begin to be in a frank relation to his son if he has left that son to pick up in the street and in the newspaper all his knowledge of the laws to which he owes his life; yet, as things stand, this most vital of all subjects is often the one subject about which a young man shrinks from talking with any but contemporaries as ignorant as himself; a subject kept in the dark, except for coarse jokes at the theater or at convivial gatherings of boys and men.